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IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1081

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 49-434, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A FEE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN TRAILER MANUFACTURERS MAY PURCHASE REGISTRATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ISSUING OF ANNUAL REGISTRATION TO CERTAIN FOREIGN-BASED PURCHASERS AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF AN ANNUAL FEE TO A NONEXPIRING REGISTRATION FEE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-434, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-434. OPERATING FEES. (1) There shall be paid on all commercial vehicles, noncommercial vehicles, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight not in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, an annual registration fee in accordance with the following schedule.

Unladen Weight for Wreckers Maximum Gross Weight For Other Vehicles (Pounds)	Annual Registration Fee	
	Noncommercial and Farm Vehicles	Commercial Vehicles and Wreckers
8,001-16,000 inc.	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
16,001-26,000 inc.	61.08	143.40
26,001-30,000 inc.	91.68	223.80
30,001-40,000 inc.	130.08	291.60
40,001-50,000 inc.	188.28	360.00
50,001-60,000 inc.	311.88	515.40

(2) There shall be paid on all commercial vehicles, irrespective of body type, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, an annual registration fee in the amount prescribed by subsection (8) of this section, as applicable.

(3) In addition, the annual registration fee for trailers shall be:

(a) Trailer or semitrailer in a combination of vehicles\$15.00

(b) Rental utility trailer with a gross weight of two thousand (2,000) pounds or less
.....\$8.00

(c) Rental utility trailer with a gross weight over two thousand (2,000) pounds\$15.00

(4) As an option to the trailer and semitrailer and rental utility trailer annual registrations issued pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the department may provide a nonexpiring plate and registration

1 for trailers and semitrailers, and an optional, extended registration for
2 rental utility trailers.

3 (a) For trailers and semitrailers, the nonexpiring registration fee
4 shall be ~~one hundred five~~ ninety-nine dollars (\$~~105~~99.00). The license
5 plate shall remain on the trailer or semitrailer until the registration
6 is canceled or revoked. No part of the fee is subject to refund. How-
7 ever, the registrant may transfer the nonexpiring plate and registra-
8 tion to another trailer or semitrailer titled to the registrant if the
9 original registration date is prior to July 1, 2009. The registration
10 document shall be the official record of the status of the nonexpiring
11 registration and no registration fee shall be required after the ini-
12 tial registration is paid. No validation sticker shall be required or
13 issued for such nonexpiring license plate.

14 (i) Registration of a trailer or semitrailer based in another ju-
15 risdiction may be issued when the registrant provides a valid ju-
16 risdiction title or ownership document and certification state-
17 ment, and no title transfer will be required.

18 (ii) Periodic verification will be made to confirm ownership sta-
19 tus. Failure of the owner to comply with the verification request
20 to confirm ownership within thirty (30) days, shall result in can-
21 cellation of the permanent plate registration.

22 (b) Idaho based trailer manufacturers may purchase trailer and semi-
23 trailer registration from the department. The manufacturer may issue
24 the annual registration to foreign-based purchasers utilizing a manu-
25 facturer's certificate of origin or manufacturer's statement of origin
26 as proof of ownership. If the foreign-based purchaser subsequently ob-
27 tains an Idaho nonexpiring registration as provided in paragraph (a) of
28 this subsection prior to annual registration expiration, the amount of
29 the annual registration fee shall be applied to the nonexpiring regis-
30 tration fee provided that the customer acquires a title for such vehi-
31 cle.

32 (c) For rental utility trailers, the registrant may prepay the annual
33 registration for an additional one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4)
34 years, but in no event shall the optional registration period extend be-
35 yond five (5) years. The fee shall be as specified in subsection (3) (b)
36 or (c) of this section. A pressure-sensitive sticker shall be used to
37 validate the license plate. The license plate shall become void if the
38 owner's interest in the rental utility trailer changes during the five
39 (5) year period. If the owner fails to enter the rental utility trailer
40 on the annual renewal application during the five (5) year period, the
41 registration record shall be purged. Any unrenewed plate shall be re-
42 turned to the department if it is not entered on the renewal applica-
43 tion.

44 (5) A fleet registration option is available to owners who have
45 twenty-five (25) or more commercial or farm vehicles or any combination
46 thereof. Such owners may register all of their company vehicles with the
47 department in lieu of registering with a county assessor. To qualify the
48 fleet must be owned and operated under the unified control of one (1) person
49 and the vehicles must be physically garaged and maintained in two (2) or more
50 counties. Fleet registration shall not include fleets of rental vehicles.

1 The department shall provide a registration application to the owner and the
2 owner shall provide all information that the department determines is neces-
3 sary. The department shall devise a special license plate numbering system
4 for fleet-registered vehicles as an alternative to county license plates.
5 The fleet registration application and all subsequent registration renewals
6 shall include the physical address where a vehicle is principally used,
7 garaged and maintained. The fleet owner shall report the physical address to
8 the department upon initial registration, on each renewal, and at any time a
9 vehicle registered under this option is permanently transferred to another
10 location.

11 (6) If the ownership of a vehicle changes during the registration pe-
12 riod, the original owner may transfer the plate to another vehicle. The re-
13 maining fee shall be credited against the cost of the new registration. Re-
14 funds may be given for any unexpired portion of the vehicle registration fee
15 if the plate is not transferred by the owner to another vehicle. Any request
16 for refund shall include surrender of the license plate, validation sticker
17 and registration document. Owners of vehicles registered under the inter-
18 national registration plan may request a refund of the unexpired portion of
19 the Idaho vehicle registration fee by presenting evidence from the base ju-
20 risdiction that the license plate, validation sticker and registration docu-
21 ment have been surrendered. A license plate shall not be transferred to an-
22 other owner when the ownership of a vehicle changes. The owner shall obtain a
23 replacement plate, validation sticker if required, and a registration docu-
24 ment when a plate is lost, destroyed or becomes illegible.

25 (7) An administrative fee of four dollars (\$4.00) shall be paid and de-
26 posited to the state highway account on all registrations completed by the
27 department under subsection (1) or (8) (a) of this section. Vehicles regis-
28 tered under subsection (8) (b) of this section shall pay the fee provided in
29 section 49-435(2), Idaho Code.

30 (8) There shall be paid on all commercial and farm vehicles having a
31 maximum gross weight in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, a regis-
32 tration fee based upon the maximum gross weight of a vehicle as declared by
33 the owner and the total number of miles driven on roads and highways in the
34 state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho, and if registered
35 under the international registration plan (IRP), in all other jurisdic-
36 tions. The appropriate registration fee shall be determined as follows:

37 (a) If the owner registers vehicles under the international registra-
38 tion plan (IRP), the appropriate mileage column shall be determined by
39 the total miles an owner operated a fleet of vehicles on roads and high-
40 ways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho
41 and in all other jurisdictions in the preceding year, as defined in sec-
42 tion 49-117, Idaho Code, and by the maximum gross weight of each vehicle
43 within a fleet.

44 (b) If the owner registers vehicles under the international registra-
45 tion plan and determines that the average international registration
46 plan fleet miles, calculated by dividing the total IRP fleet miles in
47 all jurisdictions by the number of registered vehicles, is less than
48 fifty thousand one (50,001) miles, the owner may apply to the depart-
49 ment for refund of a portion of the registration fees paid, consistent
50 with the fee schedules set forth in this section. The department shall

provide an application for the refund. An owner making application for refund under this section shall be subject to auditing as provided in section 49-439, Idaho Code.

(c) If the owner is not registering vehicles under the international registration plan, the appropriate mileage column shall be determined by the total miles the owner operated each of the vehicles to be registered on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho in the preceding year and by the maximum gross weight of each vehicle.

Maximum Gross
Weight of Vehicle
(Pounds)

Total Miles Driven

	1 to 7,500	7,501 to 20,000	20,001 to 35,000	35,001 to 50,000	Over 50,000
60,001-62,000	\$223	\$ 511	\$ 789	\$1,068	\$1,560
62,001-64,000	\$251	\$ 576	\$ 890	\$1,205	\$1,760
64,001-66,000	\$280	\$ 642	\$ 992	\$1,342	\$1,960
66,001-68,000	\$309	\$ 707	\$1,093	\$1,479	\$2,160
68,001-70,000	\$337	\$ 773	\$1,194	\$1,615	\$2,360
70,001-72,000	\$366	\$ 838	\$1,295	\$1,752	\$2,560
72,001-74,000	\$394	\$ 904	\$1,396	\$1,889	\$2,760
74,001-76,000	\$423	\$ 969	\$1,498	\$2,026	\$2,960
76,001-78,000	\$451	\$1,035	\$1,599	\$2,163	\$3,160
78,001-80,000	\$480	\$1,100	\$1,700	\$2,300	\$3,360
80,001-82,000	\$494	\$1,133	\$1,751	\$2,368	\$3,460
82,001-84,000	\$509	\$1,165	\$1,801	\$2,437	\$3,560
84,001-86,000	\$523	\$1,198	\$1,852	\$2,505	\$3,660
86,001-88,000	\$537	\$1,231	\$1,902	\$2,574	\$3,760
88,001-90,000	\$551	\$1,264	\$1,953	\$2,642	\$3,860
90,001-92,000	\$566	\$1,296	\$2,004	\$2,711	\$3,960
92,001-94,000	\$580	\$1,329	\$2,054	\$2,779	\$4,060
94,001-96,000	\$594	\$1,362	\$2,105	\$2,848	\$4,160
96,001-98,000	\$609	\$1,395	\$2,155	\$2,916	\$4,260
98,001-100,000	\$623	\$1,427	\$2,206	\$2,985	\$4,360
100,001-102,000	\$637	\$1,460	\$2,257	\$3,053	\$4,460
102,001-104,000	\$651	\$1,493	\$2,307	\$3,121	\$4,560
104,001-106,000	\$666	\$1,526	\$2,358	\$3,190	\$4,660
106,001-108,000	\$680	\$1,558	\$2,408	\$3,258	\$4,760
108,001-110,000	\$694	\$1,591	\$2,459	\$3,327	\$4,860
110,001-112,000	\$709	\$1,624	\$2,510	\$3,395	\$4,960
112,001-114,000	\$723	\$1,657	\$2,560	\$3,464	\$5,060
114,001-116,000	\$737	\$1,689	\$2,611	\$3,532	\$5,160

Maximum Gross Weight of Vehicle (Pounds)	Total Miles Driven				
116,001-118,000	\$751	\$1,722	\$2,661	\$3,601	\$5,260
118,001-120,000	\$766	\$1,755	\$2,712	\$3,669	\$5,360
120,001-122,000	\$780	\$1,788	\$2,763	\$3,738	\$5,460
122,001-124,000	\$794	\$1,820	\$2,813	\$3,806	\$5,560
124,001-126,000	\$809	\$1,853	\$2,864	\$3,874	\$5,660
126,001-128,000	\$823	\$1,886	\$2,914	\$3,943	\$5,760
128,001-129,000	\$837	\$1,918	\$2,965	\$4,011	\$5,860

(d) In addition to the fees set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of this subsection (8), an owner or operator may purchase a temporary permit as provided in section 49-432(2), Idaho Code, for operation of a vehicle at a weight in excess of the current, valid, registered maximum gross vehicle weight. The permit so issued shall be specific to the motor vehicle to which it is issued. No permit or fee shall be transferable or apportionable to any other vehicle, nor shall any such fee be refundable.

(e) Any commercial or farm vehicle registered for more than sixty thousand (60,000) pounds up to one hundred six thousand (106,000) pounds traveling fewer than two thousand five hundred (2,500) miles annually on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho shall pay an annual registration fee of two hundred fifty-five dollars (\$255). The provisions of section 49-437(2), Idaho Code, shall not apply to vehicles registered under this subsection (8) (e).

(9) (a) During the first registration year that the fee schedule in subsection (8) (c) of this section is in use, an owner shall use the mileage data from the records used to report the mileage use fee in the immediately preceding year as the basis for determining the appropriate registration fee schedule.

(b) Any owner who registers a motor vehicle for the first time and who has no mileage history for the vehicle shall estimate the miles to determine the appropriate fee schedule in subsection (8) (c) of this section. When estimating the miles, the owner shall provide a statement on the application of the method used to arrive at the estimated miles.

(c) Any owner using any fee schedule other than the highest fee schedule under subsection (8) (c) of this section, shall certify at the time of registration that the miles operated in the preceding year do not exceed the schedule applied for. Any owner using a fee schedule under subsection (8) (c) of this section that is less than the highest schedule shall maintain records to substantiate the use of the schedule as required by section 49-439, Idaho Code.

(10) An owner registering under subsection (8) (a) or (8) (c) of this section may elect to pay the full annual registration fee at the time of registration or renewal of registration, or an owner may pay at least one-quarter (1/4) of the annual registration fee due. The remainder of the annual Idaho registration fee shall be paid in three (3) equal installments on dates as billed by the department.

1 (11) An owner registering or renewing a registration under subsection
2 (8) (a) of this section electing to use installment payments as provided in
3 subsection (10) of this section, shall pay all of the fees due to other IRP
4 jurisdictions in addition to one-quarter (1/4) of the Idaho fee due at the
5 time of registration or reregistration. The remainder of the annual Idaho
6 registration fee shall be paid in three (3) equal installments on dates as
7 billed by the department.

8 (12) If any vehicle or combinations of vehicles haul nonreducible
9 loads, as authorized under the provisions of section 49-1004, Idaho Code,
10 and weigh less than the starting weights per axle configuration listed in
11 column 1 of subsection (2), section 49-1004, Idaho Code, then and in that
12 event there shall be paid for that vehicle, in addition to the other fees
13 required in this section, an additional use fee of 2.1 mills per mile for each
14 two thousand (2,000) pounds or fraction thereof of the maximum gross weight
15 in excess of those set forth in section 49-1001, Idaho Code.